



MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1941

VITAL STATISTICS

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population...	10.37
Death Rate for England and Wales	12.9
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated average populations...	39.8
Birth Rate for England and Wales	14.71

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

J. Young, M.B. Ch.B., D.P.H., (Cmb)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire
and Rutland Combined Districts.

L. Hesford - Sanitary Inspector

Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary
Inspectors Examination Joint Board, Meat Inspector,
Smoke Inspector.

A. Ridout - Additional Sanitary Inspector

Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary
Inspectors Examination Joint Board.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector - A. L. Sleath

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Swabs for Diphtheria	167
Sputa for T.B.	56
Milk Examinations (bacteriological)	45
Widal Tests for typhoid fever	12
Sewage and Water analyses	10
Faeces for B. Typhosus	5
Urine (general and bacteriological)	3
Urine for T.B.	3
Blood for Wassermann Test	2
Films for gonococci	1
Miscellaneous	4

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a) from wells... ..	20
(b) from pipe supply.. ...	-

Results of samples taken:-

(a) from wells	3
Unsatisfactory	17

Number of wells:-

(a) closed... ..	2
(b) cleansed	1

Number of cases in which pipe supply was substituted for well water... ..	1
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Number of Parishes without a piped water supply ...	22
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Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-

(a) From public mains	8
(b) from private reservoirs	4

The quality of some of the existing supplies from wells is doubtful and as soon as circumstances permit the Council will proceed with the sampling of water from all public wells.

No exceptional shortage of water was reported during the year.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at end of 1941	539
Number of cesspools abolished during the year..	-
Number of cesspools constructed during the year	-

2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in District at end of 1941:-

(1)	Privies	807
(2)	Pail Closets	3285
(3)	Water Closets... ..	1240

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

Weekly collections of household refuse are carried out by the Council's scavengers in the majority of villages the refuse being taken to tips and covered up. Weekly collections of night soil are carried out by the Council's Scavengers in the majority of villages, the night soil being taken to arable land to be ploughed in.

(iii) SALVAGE

Salvage is collected by the Council's Scavengers once each fortnight and special collections are made on application. Salvage material consists of tins, bones, rags, glass, iron, brass, aluminium, paper and cardboard of all kinds.

(iv) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received	110
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	1482

	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Re-visit</u>
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	926	112
Tents, Vans, etc.	12	-
Slaughterhouses	-	-
Food premises	76	14
Dairies and Cowsheds	546	107
Offensive Trades	-	-
Animal Keeping	5	10
Workshops, etc.	67	4
Shops	16	4
Other premises	84	27
	<u>1732</u>	<u>278</u>

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	12	14
Issued during the year	84	307
Complied with during year	96	289
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	-	32
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding 1st. January	-	-
Issued during the year	12	-
Complied with during year	5	-
Outstanding 31st. December	7	-

(v) SHOPS

Action taken during the year under the Provision of the Shops Act, 1934.

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Defects found</u>	<u>Defects remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Sanitary				
Conveniences	-	1	1	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	-	1	1	-

(vi) REGULATED BUILDINGS

Common Lodging Houses
Houses in the area.

There are no Common Lodging

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

There is one Van in the District and 12 inspections were made. General conditions are satisfactory.

(vii) SCHOOLS

The sanitary conditions were quite satisfactory. The water supply is mostly from pumps. Six Schools are piped from the Council's mains.

INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers</u>
Number on the Register ...	780	304
Number of inspections of premises... ..	421	125
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	32	-
Number of contraventions found during the year ...	197	64
Number of contraventions remedied during the year	199	42
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. Dec ...	30	22

Total Contraventions

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Found during year</u>	<u>Remedied during year</u>	<u>Outstg 31st. Dec.</u>
Cleansing	30	125	110	45
Structural				
alterations	2	12	9	5
Utensils	-	108	108	-
Other	-	16	14	2

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938

Two supplementary Licences have been issued in respect of Pasteurised Milk.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Private Slaughter Houses:-

Number of Knacker Yards in the District	3
Number of visits to Knacker Yards... ..	18



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Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 56

Places where food (other than meat) is sold or prepared for sale:-

Number of inspections 43

H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 153
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 224
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932... .. 98
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 125
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation Nil
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.. 76

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 64

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

- (a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs... 1
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) By owners Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil
- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 11
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) By owners Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 5

- (c) No proceedings were taken under Public Health Acts.
- (d) No proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 were taken during the year.

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(a)	(1)	Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year	32
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	40
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	209
(b)		Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	2
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	-
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases... ..	-

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year
1941:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	47	42	-
Diphtheria	28	28	2
Pneumonia	21	-	8
Erysipelas	2	2	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	4	3	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	1
Measles	166	-	-
Typhoid Fever	2	2	-
Whooping Cough	176	1	1

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 20	20- 35	35- 45	45- 65	65 & over
Scarlet Fever			2	1	7	11	10	2	10	1	1	
Diphtheria			2		2	9	8	4	2	1	1	
Pneumonia	2				2	1	2		1	3	5	4
Erysipelas									1		1	
Cerebro Spinal Fever			1	1		1					1	
Puerperal Pyrexia									2			
Measles	6	14	21	12	17	69	17	5	3	2		
Typhoid Fever									2			
Whooping Cough	16	12	22	29	13	71	10	1	1		1	

TUBERCULOSIS

No action has been necessary or taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

New Cases and Mortality during 1941

AGE GROUPS	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary M	F	Non-Pulmonary M	F	Pulmonary M	F	Non-pulmonary M	F
Under 1								
1 - 5								
5 -15	2	-	2					
15 -25	-	-	1					
25 -35	1	1	1					
45 -55	-	-	-	-	-	1		
55 -65	-	1	-	-	1			
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	1		
	3	2	4	-	1	2		

